

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application is a division of application no. 09/788,371 filed February 21, 2001 (allowed October 14, 2003). Claims 4-7, non-elected in the parent application, are the subject of this application.

Claims 4, 5, 6 and 7 have been amended to conform to U.S. patent practice.

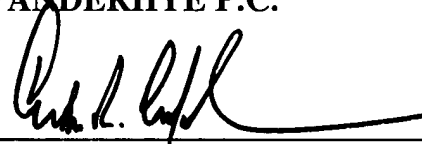
The above amendment to the specification adds cross-reference information to the parent application of which this is a division.

Examination of claims 4-7 is requested taking into account the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement citing the references of record in the parent application.

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A complex catalyst for asymmetric epoxidation of enones containing an optically active binaphthol, lanthanum triisopropoxide, triphenylphosphine oxide substituted with electron withdrawing groups in the parapositions of the phenyl groups, and cumene hydroperoxide or tert-butyl hydroperoxide.